DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP00-119-000]

Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company; Notice of Tariff Filing

December 8, 1999.

Take notice that on December 1, 1999, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (Williston Basin), tendered for filing to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1 and Original Volume No. 2, the revised tariff sheets listed on Appendix A to the filing, to become effective January 1, 2000.

Williston Basin states that the revised tariff sheets are being filed to incorporate the Gas Research Institute (GRI) General Research, Development and Demonstration Funding Unit Adjustment Provision, and associated references to such, in the Rate Schedules, General Terms and Conditions and Forms of Service Agreements, and to add the GRI Funding Unit rates to the applicable rate sheets of Williston Basin's Tariff.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 or 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed in accordance with Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/ rims.htm (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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Notice of Application and Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment Accepted for Filing; Requesting Interventions and Protests; Establishing Procedural Schedule and Final Amendment Deadline; Requesting Comments, Final Terms and Conditions, Recommendations and Prescriptions; Requesting Reply Comments

December 8, 1999.

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission. An Applicant-Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) for the Upper Menominee River Basin Project, which includes the project below, has been filed with the Commission. Both documents are available for public inspection.

- a. *Type of Application:* Major New License.
 - b. Project No.: 11830-000.1
 - c. Date filed: October 1, 1999.
- d. *Applicant:* Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WE).
- e. *Name of Project:* Peavy Falls Hydroelectric Project.
- f. Location: The project is located on the Michigamme River, near Crystal Falls, Iron Mountain, and Kingsford, in Iron County, Michigan. The project would not utilize any Federal lands or facilities.
- g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)–825(r).
- h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Rita L. Hayen, P.E., Wisconsin Electric Power Company, 231 West Michigan Street, P.O. Box 2046, Milwaukee, WI 53201–2046.
- i. FERC Contact: Any questions on this notice should be addressed to Patti Leppert-Slack, E-mail address patricia.leppertslack@ferc.fed.us, or telephone (202) 219–2767.
- j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests, comments, final terms and conditions, recommendations, and prescriptions: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: David P. Boergers, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE, Washington, DC 20426.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, the intervenor must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. Status of Environmental Analysis: On March 25, 1996, the Director, Office of Hydropower Licensing, approved WE's use of the Alternative Licensing Process. Scoping, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended, for the project was conducted through scoping documents issued in July 1996 and January 1997, and in public scoping meetings on September 16 and 17, 1996. The draft license application and APEA were distributed by the applicant for comment on October 20, 1998.

Commission staff has reviewed the license application and APEA and has determined that the application is acceptable for processing and no additional information or studies are needed to prepare the Commission's environmental assessment. Comments, as indicated above, are being requested from interested parties. The applicant will have 45 days following the end of this period to respond to those comments, or may elect to seek a waiver of this deadline.

l. Description of Project: The project consists of the following: (1) a 200-footlong, 73-foot-high, multiple-arch dam; (2) an 89-foot-high concrete gated spillway; (3) 80-foot-long, 20-foat-high right concrete gravity dam; (4) a 42-footwide concrete intake section; (5) a 194foot-long, 40-foot-high left concrete gravity dam; (6) an impoundment (Peavy Pond) with a surface area of 2,900 acres and a 40,800 acre-feet storage capacity at summer pool elevation of 1,283.8 feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD), and a surface area of 490 acres and a 6,840 acre-feet storage capacity at minimum spring pool elevation of 1,268.8 feet NGVD; (7) a 94-foot-long, 48-foot-wide powerhouse, containing two generating units, each rated at 7,500 kilowatts; (8) a 749-foot-long, 17-foot-diameter concrete-lined tunnel; (9) a 46-footdiameter concrete surge tank; (10) a substation; and (11) appurtenant facilities.

m. Locations of the application: A copy of the application is available for

¹Project No. 1759 currently consists of three developments, Way Dam, Twin Falls, and Peavy Falls Hydroelectric Projects. Wisconsin Electric requests that the Commission issue separate licenses for these three developments. The Commission has designated these three developments as P–1759–036 (Way Dam), P–11830–000 (Peavy Falls), and P–11831–000 (Twin Falls).